

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1731
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IMPORT OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are importing oilseeds to supplement the needs of the country;
- (b) if so, the value of foreign exchange spent thereon during the last year;
- (c) whether the Government have explored the possibility to set up warehouses for storing buffer stock of oilseeds to save the foreign exchange on the lines of FCI;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SREENIVASA PRASAD)

- (a): There is no proposal to import oilseeds on Government account.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c),(d)&(e): In view of persistent shortage it is not feasible to build a buffer stock.